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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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: EXAMINER: R. HUTSON

FOR: POLYPEPTIDES IMPLICATED IN THE EXPRESSION OF RESISTANCE TO
GLYCOPOLYPTIDES, IN PARTICULAR IN GRAM-POSITIVE BACTERIA,
NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE CODING FOR THESE POLYPEPTIDES AND USE
FOR DIAGNOSIS

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated November 2, 2001, Applicants request
reconsideration in light of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 36, 38-41 and 43 without prejudice and replace with the
following claims:

44. (New) A composition comprising at least three of the following:

(a) a protein having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 or a fragment of SEQ
ID NO:2;

(b) a protein having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6 or a fragment of SEQ
ID NO:6;

(c) a protein having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4 or a fragment of SEQ